

## **Principal Linc April 14, 2010**

### **Lots of dates to share with you...**

April 15 Town wide Authorfest – CSA book sale and signing at Town Hall from 3-5

April 17-25 School Vacation

April 28 Math Morning 8:30-9:30am Meet in cafeteria and then join your children in their classroom from 8:45 -9:30am for math games and activities. Practice your facts!

April 29 Lincoln School Mentor Night 6:30-8:00 Learn from our fourth and fifth graders

May 3 Early Release Day

May 5 Incoming Kindergarten Orientation for parents and students from 9-10am in library

May 7 Lincoln First Walk Home from School Day – details to follow

May 22 WFEE Prom 'n Aid

May 27 May Day- Outside festival of music, art and writing 10:00 am Rain date May 28

May 27 Battle of the Books - New town wide grade 5 competition – Lincoln Auditorium

Details to follow

June 4 FIELD DAY (Rain date June 10)

June 17 Gr. 5 Moving On Ceremony and Reception (note new date)

June 21 Last day of school for students (so far) –Early Release

### **Important Notes:**

~Thank you to the social committee for the delicious staff luncheon last month and thank you to Kristen Ward for the spring arrangements at our Mystic Valley Parkway entrance.

~Check Lost and Found before items are donated to Cradles to Crayons next week.

### **Creating a culture of respect:**

Over the past two years, the faculty has worked to clarify expectations around respectful behavior in the cafeteria, hallways, and at recess. Although we still get reports of children annoying one another, we have noticed that there has been a decrease in more serious playground issues and less noise in the hallways and cafeteria this year. At our recent faculty meeting, we discussed how we could promote respect and school spirit with a focus on rewarding good behavior. We will be holding an assembly after vacation. Different classes will illustrate acts of friendship, polite behavior etc. using a variety of formats. A contest, organized by the student council, will also be held to choose a school motto. We will begin recognizing a class each week with a Golden Broom award for having the cleanest cafeteria table. Staff members will place additional focus on positive behavior through literature, displays, Open Circle lessons, role playing and “catching children being good”. In addition to the motivational aspects of these events, we will continue to define and encourage positive behavior and address unacceptable behavior. Thank you in advance for your support. With a consistent message, we can be even more effective in creating a culture of respect at Lincoln School.

### **Class Placement for 2010-2011**

In May, we will begin to develop new class lists for next year. This involves placing four hundred and fifty students. Our goal is to build balanced classes. I will take into consideration written parental input for the following two concerns: 1) you strongly feel that your child should be separated from another child or 2) an older sibling has had one of the receiving teachers and you do not wish to have the same teacher for your younger child. Requests made through teachers will not be considered. Last year, I received very few letters, but I will make every effort to honor requests that follow the protocol stated above. Parents of current kindergarteners may also state a preference for a multiage or straight first grade placement. Look for a handout on green paper coming home today with additional information. Parents of incoming kindergarteners will receive separate information with a later deadline at Kindergarten Orientation. Please write to me or email me at [kscanlon@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:kscanlon@winchester.k12.ma.us) no later than **April 28**.